



## Apostle Islands News Release

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### Major Historic Lighthouse Repairs Underway at Apostle Islands

Much needed repair work at five historic light stations means some temporary closures at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in 2013. While the park is working to minimize public inconvenience, some closures are necessary for visitor safety. Per the schedule below, some light station buildings are closed to visitation while work is in progress, as are adjacent areas of grounds, and the normal volunteer “keepers” are not in residence during construction. In some cases lighthouse dock closures are also required for visitor safety and to guarantee dock space for the work crews and materials. Michigan Island light is most impacted by closures as dock space is limited, and work on the station and grounds is very extensive. As weather might delay some of the work, it is possible that some closures will continue into the 2014 season.

We apologize in advance for any inconveniences, and we recommend that if you plan on visiting any of these light stations in 2013 that you check in advance with the park on any closures which might be in place. We don’t want you to be disappointed by a “Closed for Renovation” sign.

The light stations are of course still visible from the water, and viewing from offshore is a good, safe way to see the work in progress. Raspberry Island Light is open as usual. Please watch for updates and “behind the scenes” construction photos on the park’s Facebook page!

Here are the anticipated dates for construction, which will result in partial or full closures to the light stations and in some cases the adjacent docks. These dates may be subject to change.

- *Michigan Light and Dock*: June 4 through November 14, 2013
- *Devils Light* (East and West landings may be closed as required): June 4 through December 5, 2013
- *Sand Light* (landing may be closed as required): July 12 through September 5, 2013
- *La Pointe* (Long Island) *Light* (dock may be closed as required): July 15 through October 8, 2013
- *Outer Island Light* (dock may be closed as required): August 6 through November 1, 2013

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